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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED TO BHUTAN ON JUDGE MERON'S ICTY CANDIDACY

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On November 5, Poloff followed up our earlier demarche and diplomatic note on Judge Theodor Meron's nomination for re-election as a permanent judge of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) (reftel). Bhutanese Embassy First Secretary Karma Rinchen said that he had forwarded our demarche to Thimpu for consideration, but had not yet received a reply. Post will continue to track Bhutan's position and report any substantive response.

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